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FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reform in the Federal Protective Service after receiving testimony from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Gary W. Schenkel, Director, Federal Protective Service, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Phyllis Corrine Borzi, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Nicole Lurie, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

Also, committee continued consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, July 9, 2009.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3122–3136; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 161–163, and H. Res. 615–16, 619–620, were introduced. **Pages H7836–37**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7837–38**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 617, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3081) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–193) and

H. Res. 618, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2701) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 111–194). **Page H7836**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Alberto Delgado, Alfa and Omega Church, Miami, Florida. **Page H7743**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 184 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 487. **Pages H7743, H7781**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 7th:

Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2009: H.R. 1275, amended, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 481; **Page H7756**

Tule River Tribe Water Development Act: H.R. 1945, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 417 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 482; and **Pages H7756–57**

Supporting National Men's Health Week: H. Con. Res. 142, to support National Men's Health Week, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 417 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 495. **Pages H7798–99**

Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 2965, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, by a recorded vote of 386 ayes to 41 noes, Roll No. 486. **Pages H7757–81**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Simpson motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with instructions, by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 485.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute by a recorded vote of 411 ayes to 15 noes, Roll No. 484.

Pages H7778–79

Agreed to: Velázquez manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–192), as modified, that authorizes the Small Business Administration to establish a program to provide matching grants to minority serving educational institutions to develop programs that encourage minority participation in SBIR/STTR programs; gives priority to applications from companies located in areas that have lost a major source of employment; increases the maximum allowable award under Phase I of the SBIR program with respect to applications by veteran owned and controlled small businesses, increases the maximum allowable award under Phase II of the SBIR program with respect to applications by veteran owned and controlled small businesses, and permits small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans to bypass Phase I and apply directly for Phase II awards; adds language to require agencies to report specific reasons why those agency SBIR/STTR goals were or were not achieved; provides special consideration in the awarding of SBIR funds to projects which address renewable energy technologies; requires that veterans be given priority when applying for SBIR and STTR awards; requires the Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency to develop a SBIR solicitation that requests research proposals for improving the efficiency of water delivery systems and usage patterns in the U.S. and its territories; expands outreach and support activities to Native American-owned small businesses; prioritizes SBIR outreach and support activities for areas with high unemployment and gives preference to SBIR and STTR award applications submitted by small businesses located in areas with high unemployment; and makes technical corrections to the legislation;

Pages H7771–73

Brown-Waite (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–192) that requires GAO to examine and report to Congress on the effect that the venture capital ownership restrictions in Section 102 (venture capital operating companies investment in small businesses) have on eligibility and participation under this act;

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Reichert amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–192), as modified, that gives preference to organizations that are located in under represented states and regions, or are women-, service-disabled-veterans- or minority-owned when awarding grants for Small Business Administration (SBA) outreach efforts authorized under Title III (rural development and outreach);

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Paulsen amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–192) that adds medical technology to the list of topics that deserve special consideration as SBIR research topics; and

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Kosmas amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–192), as modified, that requires commercialization programs established by agencies with space shuttle-related activities to include efforts to help small businesses affected by the termination of the space shuttle program commercialize technologies through SBIR (by a recorded vote of 427 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 483).

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H. Res. 610, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 480, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Westmoreland motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 36 ayes to 364 noes, Roll No. 488.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Price (GA) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Foxx motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 35 yeas to 368 nays, Roll No. 490.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Mica motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 41 ayes to 369 noes, Roll No. 496.

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Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 9th.

Pages H7799–H7828

Agreed to:

Fortenberry amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that increases funding for Rural Energy for America by \$2 million, offset by a \$2 million reduction for the Office of the Chief Information Officer and

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Garrett (NJ) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that increases funding for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Operation Account by \$5,000,000 and offsets the increase by decreasing funding for Farm Service Agency (FSA) Salaries and Expenses by the same amount. **Page H7811**

Proceedings Postponed:

DeLauro manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to increase funding for the Agricultural Research Service salaries and expenses account by \$2 million to go toward Colony Collapse Disorder and pollinator decline research, offset by a \$1 million reduction in the Office of the Chief Information Officer and a \$1 million reduction in Departmental Administration. Would increase funding for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture competitive grants by \$3,000,000 to be used for Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) and pollinator decline research, and offsets the increase by a reduction in funding for the Departmental Administration. Seeks to increase funding for the Office of Inspector General at USDA by \$500,000 to determine whether the USDA Organic certification program ensures that the most rigorous standards for certification are honored, and to investigate whether non-organic substances inappropriately remain allowed in small amounts in USDA certified products after organic alternatives have been discovered. The increase is offset by a decrease of the same amount in funding for the Agriculture Buildings and Facilities, General Services Administration account. Seeks to increase the appropriation for the Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program by \$519,000 to a total of \$1.5 million. The amount would be offset by decreasing appropriations for "administrative expenses necessary to carry out direct and guaranteed loan programs" within the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account. Seeks to appropriate tobacco product user fees authorized under the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Public Law 111–31). Seeks to fund the Methamphetamine Inhibitor Grant Program created in the 2008 Farm Bill at \$2,000,000. Offsets the increase in spending by reducing spending on Rural Development Salaries and Expenses. Seeks to prohibit the use of funds for first class travel for employees of agencies funded by the bill, in contravention of Federal regulations; **Page H7805–06**

Brady (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to transfer \$50,000 from the Chief Economist to the Economic Research Service; **Pages H7806–07**

Capito amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to transfer \$10,038,000 in the bill from the USDA Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to the Rural Utilities Service Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program (restoring the latter to FY09 appropriation levels); **Page H7807**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to reduce FDA funding by \$373 million to equal the FY09 level; **Pages H7815–17**

Blackburn amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to make an across-the-board cut of 5 percent to all discretionary funding accounts in the bill; **Pages H7819–20**

Hensarling amendment (No. 6 printed in part E of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy project, Kiski Basin, PA and seeks to reduce funds under the heading "Agricultural Research Service—Salaries and Expenses" by the amount that was to have been spent on the National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy project, Kiski Basin, PA; **Pages H7820–21**

Campbell amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for Specialty Crops in Indiana and to reduce funds under the heading "National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities" by the amount that was to have been spent on Specialty Crops in Indiana; **Pages H7821–22**

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the Foundry Sand By-Products Utilization project in Beltsville, MD and to reduce funds under the heading "Agricultural Research Service—Salaries and Expenses" by the amount that was to have been spent on the Foundry Sand By-Products Utilization project in Beltsville, MD; **Pages H7822–23**

Flake amendment (No. 4 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the Agriculture Energy Innovation Center in Georgia and to reduce funds under the heading "National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities" by the amount that was to have been spent on the Agriculture Energy Innovation Center in Georgia; **Pages H7824–25**

Flake amendment (No. 12 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for Potato Research in Idaho, Oregon and Washington and to reduce funds under the heading "National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities" by the amount that was to have been spent on Potato Research in Idaho, Oregon and Washington; and **Pages H7825–26**

Kingston amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to administer or pay the salary of personnel who administer any broadband loans or loan guarantees on or before September 15, 2010. **Pages H7826–28**

H. Res. 609, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

238 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 493, and the Mica motion to reconsider the vote was rejected by a recorded vote of 170 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 494. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 239 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 491, and rejected the Mica motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 175 yeas to 251 noes, Roll No. 492.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 609 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 244 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 489.

Pages H7784–86

House of Representatives Page Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Kildee and DeGette to the House of Representatives Page Board.

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House of Representatives Page Board—Appointment: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he reappointed Representatives Bishop (UT) and Foxx to the House of Representatives Page Board.

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House of Representatives Page Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's and Minority Leader's joint reappointment of the following individuals to the House of Representatives Page Board for a term of one year, effective July 8, 2009: Ms. Lynn Silversmith Klein of Maryland and Mr. Adam Jones of Michigan.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas-and-nays votes and 12 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7755–56, H7756, H7757, H7777–78, H7778–79, H7779–80, H7780–81, H7781, H7781–82, H7785–86, H7792–93, H7795, H7796, H7797, and H7797–98. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PREVENTING SCHOOL BULLYING

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education and the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a joint hearing on Strengthening School Safety through Prevention of Bullying. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROPOSED CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing to examine the Administration's proposal to create a new agency responsible for consumer protection with regard to financial products and services. Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, FTC; Michael Barr, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

BOTTLED WATER REGULATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Regulation of Bottled Water." Testimony was heard from John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, GAO; Joshua M. Sharfstein, Deputy Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SECTION 8 VOUCHER REFORM ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Began markup of H.R. 3045, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

U.S.-UAE NUCLEAR COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Nuclear Cooperation with the United Arab Emirates: Review of the Proposed U.S.-UAE Agreement. Testimony was heard from Ellen O. Tauscher, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State.

FEMA HOUSING

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "FEMA Housing: An Examination of Current Problems and Innovative Solutions" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Craig Fugate, Administrator, FEMA; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS LEGAL ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on Legal Issues Surrounding the Military Commissions System. Testimony was heard from Representative Schiff; and public witnesses.

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION REPORT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on National Prison Rape Elimination Commission Report and Standards. Testimony was heard from Reggie B. Walton, Judge, U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia and Chair, National Prison Rape Elimination Act Commission; Jon Ozmint, Director, Department of Corrections, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

CHESAPEAKE/THUNDER BAY MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1771, Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 1053, Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009; and H.R. 905, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act. Testimony was heard from Peyton Robertson, Director, Chesapeake Bay Office, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.